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Dear Jim & family;

I have had a fine, warm letter from your son explaining how he has now read much of WF. Hope to find him at home when I return there in late October.

The book is still in Random House with Al Erskine pushing hard. He still has problem with the money men and if they take the book it is possible that he come to Oxford with me. There is also a fine young woman in his office who is expert of WF - she is leaving to teach Englit at Hofstra. I found myself inviting her to come along with me.

I sent letter to you at Portland number of weeks ago - it went astray? Wish you'd let me know how things are at the office - your battle with history dept? Is the book moving or are you letting all kinds of things pile up on the desk including the letter from Dain. My paranoia leads me to think that you might think badly of me for selling out to Life. What happened to Vickie?

I am about to spend a week in Provincetown where I have never been. Work has been not too bad, and I am trying to work up plans

for Europe sometime in early spring, but it seems more dreamlike than practical.

Am also making plan to meet Carvel Collins of whom I have heard fine things - do you know him? Also Wm Styron. Merriweather coming in this week but I won't be here to see him. Maybe I'll hear from you soon.

Respects  
Joe Hart  
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